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DISTRIBUTION OF MONEY TO NGOs
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has amended the General Financial Rules for distribution of money from central exchequer to NGOs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether NGOs are bound to follow the Government norms of job reservation;

(d) if so, the total number of NGOs at present receiving grant from the Union Government and likely to be reduced after new GFR 2005 in the name of social justice; and

(e) steps further taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri S. S. Palanimanickam)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Certain amendments have been made in General Financial Rules, 2005 (a published document) for sanctioning grants to voluntary organizations by Ministries/ Departments.

(c) The grants sanctioning authority is required to include a suitable clause in the terms and conditions under which the grants-in-aid are given, for providing reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes or OBCs in posts and services under such organizations or agencies, in terms of the parameters laid down in Rule 209 (6) (xii) of GFRs, 2005.

(d) & (e) Grants are released by the respective Ministries/Departments to the voluntary organizations, operating in their sphere. The total number of NGOs receiving grants from these Ministries/Department is not maintained centrally.